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AN INVITATION -

We rarely get a message that holds as much promise as the invitation extended to us by Marie Johnson and her husband Bill. It is the privilege of your Mich-TAMS president to pass it on to all you token and medal people.

Marie calls it a Mich-TAMS Summer Get-together. Reserve the date, Sunday, July 18, all day from 9:00 A.M. on. The location: Johnson's farm, located about 2-1/2 miles north and west of Clinton,

Michigan, at 12483 Hogan Road. Proceed north from the stoplight in the center of town when you reach Clinton.

This is a free outing for Mich-TAMS people, with bourse tables, food, soft drinks, coffee and homemade ice cream, all furnished courtesy of Marie and Bill. Bourse tables will be set up, RAIN or SHINE, but let's hope for clear weather.

An event such as this will require considerable planning, and the Johnsons will need to know if you would like an 8' table. It is equally desirable to let her know your plans to attend in order to provide for food and refreshments.

Marie's address: 12483 Hogan Road, Clinton, Michigan 49236. Her telephone: (313) 456-4232.

Doesn't this sound like a wonderful idea?

Ray Olson, President
Mich-TAMS

1971 Michigan Commemorative Medals Begin to Appear -

A number of Michigan communities are celebrating their centennials or other anniversaries this year, among them being Cadillac, Coleman, Grass Lake, Hastings, Homer, Kalkaska, Leslie, Rogers City, Royal Oak, St. Ignace, Troy, Webberville, and Williamston. According to present information at least five have definite plans to issue some type of commemorative piece. You may try writing to the following if interested:

Coleman Area Centennial, Coleman, Mich. 48618: no wooden nickels but a 50¢ goldene and a \$2.00 antique bronze, plus postage and handling.

St. Ignace Tri-Centennial Committee, St. Ignace, Mich. 49781: Commemorative coin \$1.00, plus postage

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Rogers City Centennial Committee, 480
N. 3rd St., Rogers City, Mich. 49779;
Celebration is scheduled July 30 to
Aug. 8 and coin is planned; informa-
tion available later.

Webberville Centennial Committee, Webber-
ville, Mich. 48892; 50¢ goldene, \$2.00
antique bronze, and \$12.50 silver.

Williamston Centennial Committee, Wil-
liamstown, Mich. 48895; Goldene 50¢
and \$2.00 antique bronze, plus postage.

Since the above information is incom-
plete, we hope that Mich-TAMS members who
have success in obtaining additional com-
memorative items will make the information
available for our next issue.

MICHIGAN ENCASED CENTS AVAILABLE -

A second Michigan encased cent appeared
last month at the Blue Water International
Coin Show at Port Huron. Don McKelvey,
2822 - 19th Ave., Port Huron, Mich. 48060,
has not authorized this offer, but he had
some available and will undoubtedly send
you one at the usual rate of 50¢ each,
plus a stamped, addressed envelope.

The earlier encased cent commemorating
the Third Mich-TAMS show in Livonia proved
very popular and the supply is virtually
exhausted. A few remain available at 50¢
plus stamped envelope from Norma Killinger,
31601 West Chicago, Livonia, Mich. 48150.

Information on other issues of encased
cents is solicited.

THE CIVIL WAR TOKEN SOCIETY -

Arrangements for the "get-together"
meeting of the Michigan members of the
Civil War Token Society have now been
completed, and the meeting will be held
at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Ann Arbor on July
11th. The I.O.O.F. Hall is located at
326 West Liberty St.

To get to the Hall take I-94 to the Sa-
line Road, turn north (will be called Main
Street in Ann Arbor) and continue to Liber-
ty Street, turn left and continue for 2½
blocks, and the Hall will be on the right
hand side of the street. The hall will
open at 11:00 A.M. and will remain open
until late afternoon.

Refreshments will be furnished free of
charge.

Be sure to bring material for trading or
for sale.

Plan now to attend the meeting - and
be sure to bring along your wife (or
husband).

It would be appreciated if you will
advise Clifton A. Temple, 14203 Kilbourne
Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48213, your inten-
tions so that they may know how many
persons will be present and insure of
sufficient refreshments for all.

1971 MEDALS -

The following information was sent in
by Mrs. Ann Baxter -

BEACON FALLS, CONNECTICUT Centennial
Bronze Coins @ \$2.50 ea. plus 50¢
postage. Sterling Silver Coins @
\$10.00 ea. plus 50¢ postage. From:
Centennial 71, c/o Coin Committee,
P.O. Box 1971, Beacon Falls, Conn.
06403.

ARAPAHOE, NEBRASKA Centennial Gold
colored coin @ 50¢ plus postage.
From: Clarence L. Benjamin, Arapahoe
Nebraska 68922.

LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Centennial
Bronze Coins @ \$3.00 each; Silver
Coins @ \$13.00 each. From: Leflore
County Centennial, Inc., c/o Mike
Whaley, P.O. Box 1871, Greenwood,
Mississippi 38930.

ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS Centennial (July
4 thru Oct. 31, 1971) Bronze Coin
@ \$2.00 each OR Collectors Kit (1
Bronze & 1 Sterling Silver Coin,
Numbered and in Case) @ \$15.00.
From: Arkansas City Chamber of
Commerce, c/o David H. Daulton,
Arkansas City, Kansas 71630.

PARSONS, KANSAS CENTENNIAL (July 31-
Aug. 7) Oxidized Coin @ \$1.00 plus
postage, Silver Coin @ \$20.00 plus
postage. From: Centennial 1 --
Parsons, c/o Mrs. Jack D. Rhoads,
117 North Central, Parsons, Kansas
67357.

NEODESHA, KANSAS Centennial (June 12-
19, 1971) Bronze Coin @ \$1.00 each
plus postage. From: Neodesha Cele-
brations, Inc., Box 1971, Neodesha,
Kansas 66757.

WHATELY, MASS. 200th Anniversary (June
20 - 27, 1971) Bronze Coin @ \$2.00
ea. plus postage, Sterling Silver
Coin @ \$10.00 ea. plus postage. From:
Town of Whately 200th Anniv., c/o
Fred W. Bardwell, Whately, Mass. 01093

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA SESQUICENTENNIAL -

1½" Bronze Coin @ \$1.00 plus 50¢ Postage, 1½" Silver Coin @ \$10.00 plus 50¢ Postage, 2½" Bronze Coin @ \$6.00 plus \$1.00 Postage, 2½" Silver Coin @ \$50.00 plus \$1.00 Postage. From - Indiana National Bank, One Indiana Square, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

IS THE
ORIENTAL LOVE TOKEN
A MYTH ?

The subject is round, with a square center hole, made of heavy cast bronze, and 41mm in diameter.

At first glance the piece might pass as just another Oriental coin, token, or amulet. Upon closer examination it can be described as, from slightly naughty to downright pornography, showing a couple in four positions of the marriage act.

When this writer first came across the specimen, he, although he had never seen one, thought it must be a Japanese, or Oriental marriage token. Supposedly these pieces were given to a newly married couple who had been raised in a society where the boys and girls were highly segregated until the marriage ceremony. The pieces were given as instruction for consummating the marriage. From time to time a sentence or two has been mentioned about the pieces in one or the other of the numismatic periodicals.

An urgent letter was sent to the A.N.A. library for more information on the series. The reply informed that the library had no information on Japanese, or Oriental love tokens. This was somewhat surprising, but the reverse of the piece had some type of writing and someone should be able to read it.

The nearest available Oriental was a Japanese war bride. When shown the piece, she could not read it, and had never heard of a Japanese marriage token. She stated, however, that she was a Christian, and that the practice might be used by the Buddhist. War bride #1 put me in contact with war bride #2, who was a practicing Buddhist. War bride #2 also could not translate the inscription, and had never heard of the use of such tokens.

The next stop was the local Chinese restaurant. The owner was fluent in both Man-

darin, and Cantonese. He also could not read the writing, and had never heard of the use of marriage tokens.

The piece was photographed, and a photo was mailed to a friend in Korea. He was asked to find out what he could about the piece. My correspondent replied that a bookstore operator had told him that the piece was about 300 years old, and was called Na Cha Don. Na Cha meaning without clothes, and Don meaning money.

With this information the search was down to the nitty-gritty. The A.N.A. library was again contacted, and the information and photo sent. The reply was, "We regret to inform you that we cannot identify the piece nor even verify the Korean translation given you. None of our Oriental source books give any information concerning the pieces."

The inscription might be a type of gutter slang that is either no longer used, or that the people contacted had never been familiar with. The two war brides had left Japan while in their teens, and the Chinese had been in the U.S. since he was a child. It is possible that they had never heard of a marriage token because of their ages.

There is a chance that the piece actually is a token of instruction for consummating the marriage. There is even some chance that the piece is an ancient Korean coin, or there is the possibility that it is a token of commerce used in some Oriental brothel.

Is the nature of the piece the reason it, and others like it have never been published? There are a few American brothel tokens known. These are never published, and are very seldom offered in exnumist sales, however, a few years ago an Eastern numismatic company did advertise Japanese marriage tokens for sale.

This writer wonders if the legend of the marriage token was started by some Oriental token maker who saw an Occidental market for this type of numismatic item, and started the story to improve sales.

Since the completion of this article several exnumist have commented on it. One well known numismatic dealer, and

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writer wrote that he had owned several of the pieces, and had seen one in silver. He understood that the pieces had been used as tokens of commerce, with the bronze being used by the peasants, while the silver pieces were circulated by the Mandarins.

Another well known numismatic columnist writes that she understands the pieces are modern made, and that she considers the items pornographic.

The subject of the Oriental marriage token is still in doubt.

By J. W. Baum

HIGHLIGHTS ON SOME DETROIT CIVIL WAR ERA MERCHANT STORE CARD ISSUERS

Cliff Temple sends us more background information on six Detroit Cards from his city -

Mich. 225C

Thomas Armstrong, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., October 13, 1821 of New England ancestry.

He commenced life in Detroit as an apprentice to Mr. Henry Glover who was then the principal merchant tailor in the city. In 1844 he started business on his own account, and established in a small way a hat and cap store. His trade increased and in 1848 he added a department for manufacturing furs, regalia, banners, and uniforms for the Nations, Odd Fellows, and other societies and military organizations. He continued in this line of business until 1872, closed up his business, and soon after, with his son, E.A., established the business in which they are now engaged: "Manufacturers of Banners, Military and Society Equipments", and are now located at 261 and 263 Woodward Ave. and 114-116 Washington.

Mich. 225U

A CARD.

The undersigned would say to their old customers and the public generally, that while they have added the picture frame, looking glasses and artist materials to their former business, they have not lost sight of the painting department. On the contrary they are prepared to do all kinds of house and sign painting, wall coloring, and paper-hanging in all their branches. Having now in stock a good supply of paints, oils, varnishes, and wall paper, purchased previous to the great rise in price of these articles, enable them to offer great

inducements to all who are contemplating to either paint or paper. Persons wishing anything in the above line will consult their own interest by giving them a call before contracting elsewhere.

Godfrey, Dean & Co.

No. 48 Woodward Avenue

First door below King's Clothing Store, Det.

Detroit Free Press

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Mich. 225Z

The Peninsular Hotel, originally part of the old National, was moved to the southeast corner of Macomb and Grand River Avenues, by Charles Selkrig, in 1852. After him W. T. Purdy was manager for two years, and then John Small. From 1862 to 1865 W. Eisenlord was proprietor. In 1867 the names of J.T. and L.M. Ives appear as managers, and in 1869 J.T. Ives only. Other landlords succeeded, but none remained long, and in 1879 the building was torn down.

Mich. 225 AD

James W. Frisbie was born in New York State, in 1828. In 1857 he visited Detroit, and immediately commenced the dry goods business, locating at No. 167 Jefferson Avenue, one door from the corner of Woodward Avenue. His business increased rapidly, and in a few years his establishment included No. 53 Woodward Avenue, connecting in the rear with his original store on Jefferson Avenue. Following these strides of success came a still further extension, which included the store No. 55 on the former thoroughfare.

It should be stated that at that date Detroit had little more than awakened from what journalism denominates "ancestral lethargy". The highways of commerce had just opened their gateways of trade, and the great City of the Straits of the present day was commercially an infant. In the light of these facts, it is a difficult matter to properly estimate the value of such effort and innovation as were put forth by Mr. Frisbie during the first six years of his business life in Detroit. In remodeling and modernizing the stores occupied by him at the corner of Woodward and Jefferson Avenues, he introduced the

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first plate glass windows in this city, which at that time, reaching from the pavement to the ceiling, created wonder and admiration. These early improvements had a most salutary influence in producing in rapid succession the many splendid features of modern Detroit.

When the collection of stores occupied by Mr. Frisbie on Jefferson and Woodward Avenues became too narrow for his continually expanding business, he removed to the extensive Weber block, further up Woodward Avenue, which he still occupies. In this new and elegant building he opened to the public one of the finest retail dry goods houses in the Northwest.

100th Anniversary of the Arrival
in Detroit of the First Organized
Immigration from Germant.

Heinrich and Paul Gies. Mich. 225 AE, AF, AG

Heinrich Gies, known as Weismiller Conrad's Heinrich, came from Neustadt to Detroit and in 1830 with his whole family. He had the first German hotel in this city.

One of his children, Paul, was seven years old. This Paul Gies married and had a family of fifteen children. He and his brothers, Fred and John, had a gravel roofing business. Paul Gies was a prominent politician and was Alderman of the 7th, 9th, 11th, and 13th wards at different times. He also served as acting mayor several terms. He was elected county treasurer for two terms. He ran for sheriff, only to be defeated by George Codd. He also served as a State Senator.

Paul Gies was a member of Company A, 27th Regiment, during the Civil War, and worked his way to Captain. He was also a member of the G.A.R. Three of his sons are living in Detroit: Capt. John B. Gies of the D.F.D., now retired; Fred B. Gies, painter and decorator; and Anthony Gies, a mail carrier, who has retired; Albert J. Gies, of Los Angeles, and Paul Gies of Denver; and two daughters. This information was furnished by his son, Paul Gies.

Mich. 225CF

IMPROVEMENTS

Messrs. W. E. Tunis & Co., news dealers, have recently perfected some improvements in their extensive establishment, which are deserving of notice. The rear of their store on Jefferson Avenue has been cut through in the shape of the letter L,

giving also a fine front on Griswold Street. This affords ample room for their business, and gives them besides, one of the finest and most convenient stores in the city. In addition to the large stock of papers, periodicals, and magazines, they have also a complete assortment of the newest and most popular books of the day, in addition to stationery and all those commodities which are usually found in a book store. It is designed to make this not only a first-class news depot, but also a first-class book store. Entrance either on Jefferson Avenue or Griswold Street.

Detroit Free Press
5/21/1863

NOTE: The above was sent in by John Canfield.

TO THE MEMBERS -

The following information has been received from Mr. Elmer B. Heckart -
3-17-71

I was wondering if you were aware that Mr. Charles Lindell had passed away last November.

Mr. Lindell was quite prominent in our small circle and will be missed by a great many.

I had read both the Jan. and March issue of Junk Box and did not find a notice of his passing.

I wrote Charles a letter and received a reply from his sister.

5-22-71

I regret that it is necessary to write this. Our good friend and brother John laing of Scotland suffered a heart attack on May 13, 1971. He is in the hospital. Anyone desiring to write use his usual address. At last report he was holding his own.

MICHIGAN WANTED: Michigan merchants tokens or trade checks, Michigan encased cents, and Michigan advertising mirrors. Have over 800 different transportation tokens, 100 Michigan trade checks, and generally a few from other states to offer in exchange. Raymond E. Olson, 32137 Oakley, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

MATERIAL FOR THE NOVEMBER 15th ISSUE OF THE JUNK BOX TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 10th.

A TRIAL LISTING OF EXONUMIC ABBREVIATIONS

Every collector of tokens and medals has undoubtedly encountered abbreviations that puzzled him. In the first place, abbreviations are subject to change as the years pass, and they certainly grow in number. The best example of this is the large number of new abbreviations appearing on the current Vietnam military tokens. Secondly, while any serious dyed-in-the-wood collector will probably consult an unabridged dictionary or one of the complete listings of abbreviations, this will mean a trip to the library, where success is not always assured.

It was for this reason that we tried to compile a listing of abbreviations that occur or may be found on various kinds of exonumic material. It should be pointed out that one who needs additional abbreviations found on military tokens may find them in Curto's Military Tokens of the United States where Jim thoughtfully listed them on pages 9-11. Likewise, abbreviations on transportation tokens are completely listed as far as known in Atwood's Catalog of United States and Canadian Transportation Tokens. Here they are found in the index of obverse inscriptions, pp.683 to 731.

We will welcome additions or corrections and hope that this initial listing may prove of at least a little value or interest to token and medal collectors.

Raymond E. Olson

A Preliminary Listing of Exonumic Abbreviations

AAA	Anti Aircraft Artillery
AAAL	American Academy of Arts and Letters
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AAB	Army Air Base
AAF	Army Air Field or Force
AAFB	Army Air Force Base
AC	Air Corps
ACL	Atlantic Coast Line (Railroad)
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ACP	American College of Physicians
AC&Y	Akron, Canton & Youngstown (Railroad)
A. D.	Anno Domini (Latin: In the year of our Lord)
AEF	American Expeditionary Force
AFB	Air Force Base
AFL-CIO	American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations
AFNG	Air Force National Guard
ALCOA	Aluminum Company of America
AMA	American Medical Association
AMC	Army Medical Corps
ANA	American Numismatic Association
ANZAC	Australia and New Zealand Army Corps
AOH	Ancient Order of Hibernians
AOM	Airmen's Open Mess
ACUW	Ancient Order of United Workmen
A&P	Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company
APHA	American Public Health Association
APIC	American Political Item Collectors
APO	Army Post Office
ARC	American Red Cross
ASA	Army Service Activities
ASC	Air Service Command
ASCAP	American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers
ASCOM	Air Service Command Open Mess
ASPCA	American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
ATN	Alabama, Tennessee & Northern (Railroad)
ATSF	Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe (Railroad)

ABBREVIATIONS - Cont'd from Page #26

AT&T	American Telephone and Telegraph
AVA	American Vecturist Association
AVN	Aviation
A&WP	Atlantic and West Point (Railroad)
AYPE	Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition (Seattle 1909)
B&A	Bangor & Aroostook or Boston and Albany (Railroad)
BEF	British Expeditionary Force
BKS	Barracks
B&LE	Bessemer & Lake Erie (Railroad)
BLF&E	Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers
B&M	Boston and Maine (Railroad)
BN	Battalion
B&O	Baltimore and Ohio (Railroad)
BPOE	Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
BRT	Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen
BSA	Boy Scouts of America
B.V.M.	Beatu Virgo Maria (Latin: Blessed Virgin Mary)
CAA	Civil Aeronautic Administration
CAC	Coast Artillery Corps
CAV	Cavalry
CCC	Civilian Conservation Corps
CCS	Church of Christ, Scientist
C&EI	Chicago and Eastern Illinois (Railroad)
CFG	Camp Fire Girls
CGW	Chicago and Great Western (Railroad)
CHMH	Chung-Hua Min-Kuo (Republic of China)
CIO	Congress of Industrial Organizations
CMSTP&P	Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific (Railroad)
CMBT	Combat
CMTC	Citizens Military Training Corps
CNR	Canadian National Railroad
C&NW	Chicago and Northwestern (Railroad)
C&O	Chesapeake and Ohio
CORE	Congress of Racial Equality
CPIE	Century of Progress International Exposition (Chicago, 1933)
CPE or COPE	Committee on Political Education (AFL-CIO)
CPO	Chief Petty Officer
CPR	Canadian Pacific Railway
CRI&P	Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific (Railroad)
CR&IR	Chicago River and Indiana Railroad
CSA	Confederate States of America
CSG	Combat Support Group
CTA	Chicago Transit Authority
CV	Central Vermont (Railroad)
DAC	Danang Area Command
DAR	Daughters of the American Revolution
DAVS	Disabled Army Veteran Soldiers
D&H	Delaware & Hudson (Railroad)
DL&W	Delaware, Lackawanna and Western (Railroad)
DOW	Dow Chemical Company
D&RGW	Denver & Rio Grande Western (Railroad)
DT&I	Detroit, Toledo and Ironton (Railroad)
DVS	Disabled Veteran Soldiers

TO BE CONTINUED

WANTED -

KKK Tokens, Medals, etc. for private collection.

Also want scarce to rare Transportation, Military, Michigan Commemoratives and Store Cards for my retail business.

Will also buy better Political items.

FOR SALE OR TRADE -

Many type of tokens -- common to rare.

Please send your offers or wants to -

Robert L. Williams
2340 Garfield
Ferndale, Michigan
48220
Area Code 313 548-0347

RD. AD.

WANTED --

NEW MEMBER WANTS Jail or Prison tokens, Circus or Show tokens, CCC Camp tokens, George Junior Republic or similar Boys Republic tokens. Have Sutlers, Military, Territorials, Saloons, Wester Ghost Towns to trade. Agnar Wahlberg, 432 U.S. Court House, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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The following souvenir coins of Michigan: Cadillac 1949; Harrisville 1952; Hastings 1955; Capac 1957; Leslie 1961; Allegan 1963; Three Oaks 1967; Plainfield 1968; Potterville 1968 (aluminum); Sanford 1970. Advise condition and postpaid price. Clifton A. Temple, 14203 Kilbourne Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48213.

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Automotive Coins or Tokens. Send list and your druthers. M. A. Killinger, 31601 West Chicago, Livonia, Mich. 48150.

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Am looking for tokens from Washtenaw Co. Anything from Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Saline, Milan, Manchester, Chelsea, Dexter, Whitmore Lake, Bridgewater, Salem, Whitaker or Willia. Have many Michigan tokens to trade or will purchase.

Also want Michigan Civil War tokens from any area. Will trade or purchase. John W. Canfield, 2715 Elmwood, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104

TO ANY COIN CLUB OR CENTENNIAL MEDAL COMMITTEE -

I offer the Following Trade for any 1970-1971 Issues of any of their Medals. Members of these Clubs or Committees please write first.

Send me 20 pieces of any of your New Issues in either Bronze or Nickle Silver Varieties. In return I will ship to the Sender...20 All Different Medals.. In Bronze and Nickle Silver types of Centennials ..Bicentennials..Sesquiccentennials. Anniversary Types. Jubilee Types. Coin Club Medals Commemorative Medals, etc. These 20 Different Medals are a nice started Collection for anyone interested in this trade.

Write or ship Medals to -- Variety Jewelers, c/o Norman W. Shoemaker 715 Adams Avenue, Scranton, Penna. 18510. All Letters Answered.

WANTED -

Does any collector have the following wooden nickels for sale?

Chicago, Ill. 1934 3" Black Century of Progress

Brunswick, Ga. 1936 Green; Delaware, Ohio 1940 Ohio Wesleyan Univ. Centennial 2 1/2" and 4 1/2" Black printing. Write - W. C. Morningstar, P.O. Box 116, Radnor, Ohio 43066.